

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle fitted with at least one tail light and a rear license plate to be illuminated, comprising:

an optical waveguide;

a light source for emitting a light beam to the optical waveguide which is disposed adjacent the light source;

said optical waveguide having an input surface facing towards the light source for inputting at least part of the light beam from the light source, and at least one output surface for outputting a light beam portion that is being passed through the optical waveguide to the license plate ~~and/or~~ and the at least one tail light; and

at least one of a mirror and a lens configured to direct the light beam portion that is being passed through the optical

waveguide to the license plate ~~and/or~~ and the at least one tail light.

2. (Currently Amended) ~~The A vehicle according to claim 1~~
fitted with at least one tail light and a rear license plate to be
illuminated, comprising:

an optical waveguide;

a light source for emitting a light beam to the optical
waveguide which is disposed adjacent the light source;

said optical waveguide having an input surface facing towards
the light source for inputting at least part of the light beam from
the light source, and at least one output surface for outputting a
light beam portion that is being passed through the optical
waveguide to the license plate and/or the at least one tail light;
and

at least one of a mirror and a lens configured to direct the
light beam portion that is being passed through the optical
waveguide to the license plate and/or the at least one tail light,

wherein the optical waveguide comprises at least a first
output surface and a second output surface, wherein the first

output surface outputs a first part of the light beam that is being passed through said optical waveguide to the license plate, and wherein the second output surface outputs a second part of the light beam that is being passed through said optical waveguide to the at least one tail light.

3. (Previously Presented) The vehicle according to claim 1, wherein a part of the optical waveguide is disposed in front of the license plate.

4. (Previously Presented) The vehicle according to claim 3, wherein the part of the optical waveguide that is disposed in front of the license plate is transparent.

5. (Previously Presented) The vehicle according to claim 3, wherein the part of the optical waveguide that is disposed in front of the license plate comprises the at least one of the mirror and the lens for directing the light beam that is being output from the output surface towards the license plate.

6. (Previously Presented) The vehicle according to claim 1, wherein part of the optical waveguide is arranged near an edge of the license plate.

7. (Previously Presented) The vehicle according to claim 6, wherein the part of the optical waveguide that is disposed near the edge of the license plate comprises the at least one of the mirror and the lens for directing the light beam that is being output from the output surfaces towards the license plate.

8. (Previously Presented) The vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said vehicle comprises at least two tail lights.

9. (Previously Presented) The vehicle according to claim 1, wherein said light source comprises a light emitting diode.

10. (Previously Presented) An optical waveguide suitable for use in the vehicle according to claim 1.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~The A vehicle of claim 1 fitted with~~

at least one tail light and a rear license plate to be illuminated,
comprising:

an optical waveguide;

a light source for emitting a light beam to the optical
waveguide which is disposed adjacent the light source;

said optical waveguide having an input surface facing towards
the light source for inputting at least part of the light beam from
the light source, and at least one output surface for outputting a
light beam portion that is being passed through the optical
waveguide to the license plate and/or the at least one tail light;
and

at least one of a mirror and a lens configured to direct the
light beam portion that is being passed through the optical
waveguide to the license plate and/or the at least one tail light,

wherein the optical waveguide comprises a first portion which
overlaps a second portion of the optical waveguide at an
overlapping section, the optical waveguide being configured to
illuminate at least two tail lights of the vehicle through the
first portion and the second portion.

12. (Previously Presented) The vehicle of claim 11, wherein the first portion is configured to receive the light beam from the light source and provide the light beam to the second portion via the overlapping section.

13. (Previously Presented) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the optical waveguide comprises a first portion having one end that forms an opening for receiving a second portion of the optical waveguide.

14. (Previously Presented) The vehicle of claim 1, wherein the optical waveguide comprises a first portion having a first end configured to receive the light beam from the light source and provide the light beam to a second portion of the optical waveguide via a second end of the first portion, the second end forming an opening for receiving the second portion of the optical waveguide.

15. (Currently Amended) The ~~A~~ vehicle of claim 1 fitted with at least one tail light and a rear license plate to be illuminated, comprising:

an optical waveguide;

a light source for emitting a light beam to the optical waveguide which is disposed adjacent the light source;

said optical waveguide having an input surface facing towards the light source for inputting at least part of the light beam from the light source, and at least one output surface for outputting a light beam portion that is being passed through the optical waveguide to the license plate and/or the at least one tail light;

and

at least one of a mirror and a lens configured to direct the light beam portion that is being passed through the optical waveguide to the license plate and/or the at least one tail light,

wherein the at least one of the mirror and the lens forms the at least one tail light.

16. (Currently Amended) An optical waveguide included in a vehicle fitted with at least one tail light and a rear license plate to be illuminated, the optical waveguide comprising:

an input surface facing a light source, the input surface being configured to receive part of a light beam from the light

source; and

at least one of a mirror and a lens configured for directing the part of the light beam that is being passed through the optical waveguide to a license plate ~~and/or~~ and the at least one tail light of the vehicle through at least one output surface of the optical waveguide.

17. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ An optical waveguide of claim 16 included in a vehicle fitted with at least one tail light and a rear license plate to be illuminated, the optical waveguide comprising:

an input surface facing a light source, the input surface being configured to receive part of a light beam from the light source; and

at least one of a mirror and a lens configured for directing the part of the light beam that is being passed through the optical waveguide to a license plate and/or the at least one tail light of the vehicle through at least one output surface of the optical waveguide, wherein the at least one of a mirror and a lens forms the at least one tail light.

18. (Previously Presented) The optical waveguide of claim 16, wherein the optical waveguide comprises a first portion which overlaps a second portion at an overlapping section for coupling light from the first portion to the second portion via the overlapping section.

19. (Previously Presented) The optical waveguide of claim 16, wherein the optical waveguide comprises a first portion having one end that forms an opening for receiving a second portion of the optical waveguide.

20. (Previously Presented) The optical waveguide of claim 16, wherein the optical waveguide comprises a first portion having a first end configured to receive the light beam from the light source and provide the light beam to a second portion of the optical waveguide via a second end of the first portion, the second end forming an opening for receiving the second portion of the optical waveguide.